

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND
December 4, 2015

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on December 4, 2015 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 50 Service Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: William Finelli; Michael Boyce; Daniel Beardsley; Andrew Marcaccio and Amy Crane.

Also in attendance were: Randall Souza, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor; Gayle Mambro-Martin and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson William Finelli called the meeting to order at 9:06 A.M.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES AND AGENDA

A draft of the November 6, 2015 meeting minutes were mailed to the Committee members for review, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio, it was:

VOTED To approve the meeting minutes of November 6, 2015.

HEARINGS

Emile Ziadeh	Principal Civil Engineer, RI Department of Transportation. (estimated service credits 24 years, 9 months)
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After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To reaffirm the decision of November 12, 2014 **denying** Mr. Ziadeh's application for an accidental disability pension.

Jacqueline Lee Teacher, Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 13 years)

Upon a motion made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Marcaccio:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board grant Ms. Lee's request for a continuance.

Robert Carpenter Superintendent of State Piers, Department of Environmental Management. (Estimated service credits 19 years, 3 months, 17 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** a decision on Mr. Carpenter's application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

Michelle Desrosiers Highway Maintenance Operator, Department of Transportation. (Estimated service credits 12 years, 6 months, 10 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Marcaccio and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Ms. Desrosiers application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Beardsley voted Yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

ORDINARY MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Brian McElroy Teacher, Providence School Department.
(Estimated service credits 14 years, 10 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. McElroy's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

ACCIDENTAL MATTER PREVIOUSLY POSTPONED

Michael Stevens EMS Lieutenant, Central Coventry Fire District.
(Estimated service credits 10 years, 8 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** Mr. Stevens' application for an accidental disability pension. Mr. Marcaccio voted Yes. Mr. Boyce and Mr. Finelli voted Nay.

Paulo Cordeiro Equipment Operator II – Recycling, City of Pawtucket. (Estimated service credits 7 years 9 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Cordeiro's application for an accidental disability retirement. Mr. Finelli voted Yes. Mr. Beardsley and Mr. Marcaccio voted Nay.

ACCIDENTAL - NEW

Cheyenne Snow Housekeeper, University of Rhode Island.
(Estimated service credits 2 years, 7 months)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Beardsley and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Snow's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of her compensation at the time of her retirement.

Sung Lee

Registered Nurse B, BHDDH – Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 30 years, 11 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Ms. Crane:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Ms. Lee's application for an accidental disability retirement at 66 2/3 %. Mr. Beardsley voted Nay.

John Carney

Laborer, BHDDH – Eleanor Slater Hospital. (Estimated service credits 9 year, 8 months, 17 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Marcaccio and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Carney's application for an accidental disability retirement pursuant to Rhode Island General Law § 36-10-15 (b) for 50 % of his compensation at the time of his retirement. Mr. Boyce voted Nay.

ORDINARY - NEW

Sule Omaiye

Certified Computer Technician, Pawtucket School Department. (Estimated service credits 16 years)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Boyce:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Omaiye's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Brian Lane

Housekeeper, Rhode Island College. (Estimated service credits 14 years 5 months, 15 days)

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by physicians retained by the Retirement System, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Beardsley:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** Mr. Lane's application for an ordinary disability retirement.

Agenda

None

ADJOURNMENT

Upon a motion duly made by Ms. Crane and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED

To adjourn the meeting at 12:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gayle C. Mambro-Martin, Esq.
GCM: gsb

December 29, 2015